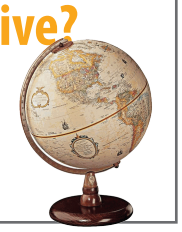
Who's who on the Hill

Who do you go to when you want to start a new club devoted to hunting squirrels? Turn to **page 2** to find out.

Wait, where do you live?

Avoid being lost on your first weekend out with our handy map of Hamilton, or is it Westeros? See **pages 4 & 5**.



Run for the hills...literally

Our resident distance runner/swimmer breaks down the best running routes in the area on **page 7.**

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YOUR SURVIVAL GUIDE TO HAMILTON: WHO TO GO TO WHEN THE WHITE WALKERS RETURN

by Jack Cartwright '15

Navigating a new school can be confusing, complicated and downright stressful, whether you are excited to be away from home or not. Luckily, there is no need to worry! Here is a list of critical support systems for all Hamilton College students —particularly for first-years.

Lisa Magz & Noelle Niznik

As Associate Dean of Students for Student Engagement and Leadership and Assistant Director of Student Activities, Magnarelli and Niznik are jacks-of-all-trades on the Hill. They will become familiar faces if you decide to engage in any extra-curricular activities at Hamilton.

Marge Petteys

The closest thing Hamilton has to a "celebrity," Marge has been working at Hamilton College for over two decades. Make sure you say hello when she swipes you in at Commons!

Your Advisor

While your advisor may not be the same person throughout your college career, he or she is a crucial resource on hand for you. He or she typically has a world of knowledge surrounding the goings-on of Hamilton College, regardless of whether or not you are planning to major in your advisor's subject. He or she can help you figure out many different types of situations, whether they may be scheduling issues, social issues, or general questions about Hamilton.

Your RA

The sole purpose of your RA is to ensure that your living experience at Hamilton is ideal. You should feel confident discussing any problems you may have with your RA — social or otherwise — because whatever you talk about with your RA is completely confidential.

The Custodial Staff

In many ways, Hamilton College would cease to function without the tremendous work of the custodial staff. Many students do not realize how much work they do to keep our campus spotless. Too often do we take their work for granted. Please be kind to the staff if you see them, and be sure to thank them. Consider these awsome people before leaving trash all over the grounds of campus.

Dean Nancy Thompson

As Dean of Students, Thompson plays a prominent role in student life. She gauges the student body's opinion on administration policy, whether that is through all-school town halls or by working with elected student representatives on the student assembly. Dean Thompson is omnipresent and is always willing to listen to any individual's concerns and thoughts.

The Streaking Team

The campus is abuzz with excitement every time the streaking team runs through the library during exam week, or through commons on some random Thursday afternoon. Although not necessarily a college sanctioned club, it is one of those things, like the Red Wedding, you don't want to see it, but at the same time something you can't quite look away.

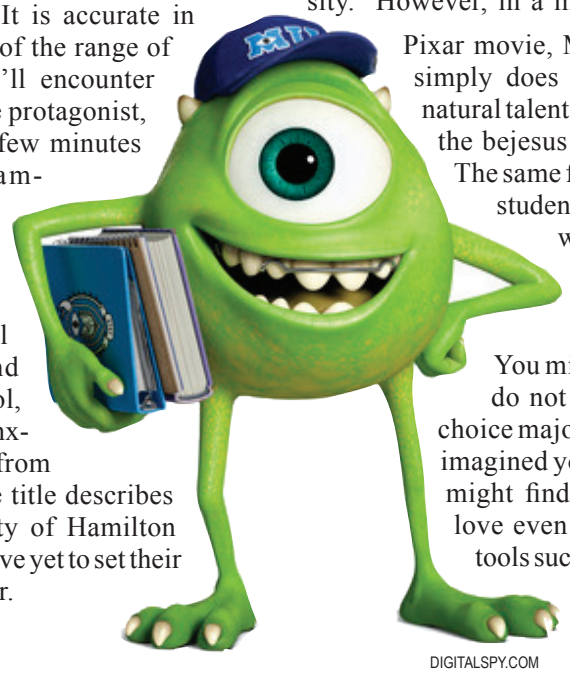
Pop Culture vs. Reality

by Brian Burns '17

Whether we are cognizant of it or not, many of our expectations in life are influenced by the movies. The college experience is no exception. Yet, at the heart of the very best college movies is a kernel of truth.

Undeclared

This under-seen Judd Apatow comedy series stars a handful of current comedy stars (think Seth Rogen). It's basically the spiritual (and less revered) sequel to *Freaks and Geeks*, but instead of following 1980s high school students it chronicles the lives of early '00s college students. It is accurate in its presentation of the range of individuals you'll encounter in college — the protagonist, Steven, lives a few minutes away from campus while his roommate is from across the pond. Meanwhile, Lizzie still has a boyfriend from high school, and Rachel is anxious to be away from home. Plus, the title describes the vast majority of Hamilton first-year who have yet to set their sights of a major.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Liberal Arts

Josh Radnor of *How I Met Your Mother* fame directed this film about a directionless New Yorker who returns to his roots during a visit to his alma mater, a small liberal arts college in Ohio. The college in this film is a spiritual cousin to Hamilton. For example, the students wield copies of *Infinite Jest* and maintain close relationships with professors (Radnor's character in fact returns to campus for his English professor's retirement party). The intimacy present on Hamilton's campus is clear in this movie, as Radnor and his undergraduate love interest (played by Elizabeth Olson) have deep late-night conversations that would be seen as pretentious in any other context.

Monsters University

This 2013 prequel begins with one-eyed Mike Wazowski aspiring to become a professional scarer at Monsters Inc. His tenacity gets him as far as the doors of the scare program at Monsters University. However, in a mature turn for a Pixar movie, Mike realizes he simply does not possess the natural talent required to scare the bejesus out of children. The same fate befalls many students at Hamilton — what you set out to do might not become your ultimate major. You might find that you do not enjoy your first choice major as much as you imagined you would, or you might find something you love even more. Luckily, tools such as the open curriculum allow for plenty of self-discovery.

Old School

Will Ferrell's immortal line "We're going streaking!" is a rallying cry for many Hamilton students. The streaking tradition is alive and well, it even inspired the documentary *Streak to Win* a few years back.

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Oh Captain, My Captain

Derek Jeter will be speaking at Hamilton
Wednesday, December 10
Stay tuned for details

A MAP OF HAMILTON AS

by Patrick English '15

THE SOUTH

Root Farmhouse (Highgarden): Perhaps the most coveted dorm on campus, the Root Farmhouse is located right in the center of campus across from Sadove Student Center.

Major, Macintosh, Minor, Root, Keehn (The Iron Islands): These five "dark side" dorms may look alike, but they each have their own secret perks.

Millbank and Babbitt (King's Landing): These sweet dorms are so coveted that they are part of a separate lottery before the general housing lottery.

THE MIDLANDS

Bundy (The Twins): Widely known as the sophomore experience, the Bundy complex is located down the Hill and is mostly made up of singles.

Wertimer House (The Eyrie): Also down the Hill, Wertimer is home to the Leadership Experience and Preparation (LEAP) program for first-years. This dorm quickly becomes a tightly knit community for many first-years resulting in the "Wertimite" nickname.

Skenandoa (Riverrun): A former fraternity house, Skenandoa's air-conditioned rooms and "hidden faculty apartment" make it one of the hidden gems on campus.

THE SEVEN KINGDOMS

ACROSS THE NARROW SEA

Griffin Road (Braavos): G-Road sports quad and triple apartments for upperclassmen. Its numerous social events are worth the trek, especially during the warmer months.

THE NORTH

Carnegie (The Dreadfort): Due to its central location, Carnegie is one of the more coveted upperclassmen dorms. It boasts spacious quads and doubles and is usually the hotbed of light side social activity.

Dunham (Deepwood Motte): Dunham is the largest residence hall on campus. Home to freshman, sophomores and juniors who got unlucky in the housing lottery, Dunham is made up of singles, doubles and quads.

Eels and Ferguson (Winterfell): These former fraternity houses are home to some of the luckiest on campus. Complete with beautiful views and porches, these are great options for outdoor activities until winter comes.

South (Barrowton): With spacious quads and six-pulls, South is perhaps the best housing option for first-year students. Home to the REAL program and upperclassmen, South is also Hamilton's oldest, and tallest, dorm.

Woollcott House (Castle Black): Housing the Co-Op, Woolcott, provides a unique housing experience in which students create a communal living situation. It is often associated with Hamilton's "hippie" scene.

3994 & 4002 Campus Road (Fist of the First Men): These small houses are located further down Campus Road beyond Admissions.

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JOURNEYING OFF THE HILL

How to Spend a Day Away from Campus

by Rachel Beamish '16

As much as we all love being on campus, sometimes you can feel like you are stuck inside a bubble. For those times when you need to get away, here are recommendations for fun places to go and things to do off the Hill.

CLINTON CIDER MILL

It is not fall at Hamilton until you visit the Clinton Cider Mill. Get some fresh air and talk a walk down the Hill, then grab some cider and a fresh-baked cider donut, made from locally-grown crops and products. You can then brave the walk back up the Hill or catch the Jitney in Clinton to get back to campus. Don't forget to bring some donuts back to share!

THE DESSERT BOOTH

When you are tired of eating food from the dining hall, head to the Dessert Booth in Clinton for lunch. This cute and casual restaurant has an incredibly friendly staff and offers delicious gourmet lunches, not to mention amazing desserts. With a beautiful display of desserts ranging from carrot cake and apple turnovers to the Chocolate Hypnosis, the Dessert Booth offers a variety of treats to satisfy your sweet tooth.

MUNSON-WILLIAMS-PROCTOR ARTS INSTITUTE

The Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute in Utica has a fantastic collection of American and European paintings, including Thomas Cole's "The Voyage of Life" and works by Jackson Pollock and Edward Hooper. It hosts some wonderful talks and lectures throughout the school year and is a great place to spend an afternoon with friends.

KIRKLAND ART CENTER

The Kirkland Art Center, located on the village green in Clinton, offers various classes and events throughout the year, including coffeehouses, artist exhibitions and concerts. There are also numerous volunteer opportunities for students who want to donate some of their time to help support the arts. This is a great way to get to experience art and music, as well as to get involved in the community.

ADIRONDACK STATE PARK

Here at Hamilton we are extremely fortunate to be so close to the Adirondacks. The Adirondack State Park has numerous camping grounds, biking trails, and rivers for kayaking or canoeing, so grab your friends and your gear and go on an adventure. you will also get to experience the beauty of the Adirondacks in the fall.

ACROSS THE NARROW SEA AND BEYOND THE WALL

by Sirianna Santacrose '15

Having just arrived on the Hill, the thought of studying abroad is probably the farthest thing from your mind. But starting to consider the incredible international and domestic programs Hamilton offers will help you avoid unnecessary stress down the road.

For students interested in going overseas, Hamilton offers specialized, highly language intensive programs in China, India, Spain and France. On many of these programs, students have various immersion opportunities, such as taking classes exclusively in the native language, participating in an internship and living with a host-family. Lia Parker-Belfer '16, who spent the past summer on the Associated Colleges in China Program (ACC), said "Deciding to participate in ACC was by far one of the best decisions I made at Hamilton to date. Although the work load was challenging, the experience was worth every minute I spent studying." Similarly, Chris Lepre '15, who participated in the France program, said, "It would be hard to come back from this program without felling very comfortable with the language… through the daily routines of going to class, ordering meals, and spending time with your host family, you end up picking up a lot of insight into French culture."

There are also over 100 other programs for which Hamilton will accept academic credit if you get them approved early enough in advance. This preferred list of programs can be found on the Study Abroad homepage..

If studying internationally does not appeal to you, Hamilton offers a range of domestic programs geared towards a variety of majors and interests. The New York City program is multidisciplinary in that the directors come from various departments such as English, government, art, sociology and philosophy. Students take two classes, attend weekly seminars, intern four days a week and complete an independent project related to both their internship and the semester's academic theme.

Hamilton's D.C. program offers students an exceptional opportunity to spend a semester living and learning in the U.S. capital. While the majority of students who take part in the Washington D.C. Program are government majors, many come from other disciplines and represent a wide array of interests. Besides taking seminar- and debate-based classes, every student must secure an internship prior to attending the program. Ambassador Edward Walker, who will serve as Director of the program this fall, added, "Every evening is another opportunity to profit from an endless stream of lectures and seminars by global, domestic and foreign experts, practitioners and academics, or to enjoy performances of world-class… music and explore the theatre and arts scenes."

Hamilton and the New England Center for Children (NECC) co-sponsor a semester-long program. Based in Southborough, Mass., this internationally recognized school for children with autism often attracts students interested in applied psychology and education. Students who participate in this program complete two credits of graduate level coursework and two credits worth of a supervised practicum . All students are trained to work with students one-on-one, and every class has a team that works to fit students' needs. Students also have the opportunity to intern with NECC. Margaret Smith '15, a former intern, descriped the intership as "one of the most rewarding and humbling experiences of my life… You learn so much and are challenged in ways that cannot be recreated in a classroom at Hamilton or almost anywhere else."

Beginning next fall, a group of 20 juniors and seniors will also have the opportunity to study within the Adirondack Park. The four courses offered will be an Intensive Seminar, a Common Experience Seminar, a field component and an Independent Capstone Project. Founder and Interim General Director of the program Professor Janelle Schwartz '97 said the idea for the program emerged from her observations about the other off-campus study opportunities offered by the college. "All of these Hamilton-run options are located in urban centers … I felt there were strong untapped opportunities for cultural exchange between Hamilton students and faculty and the diverse communities in the Park." The program is targeted towards a diverse group of students with varying degrees of comfort in the outdoors and of all majors and interests.

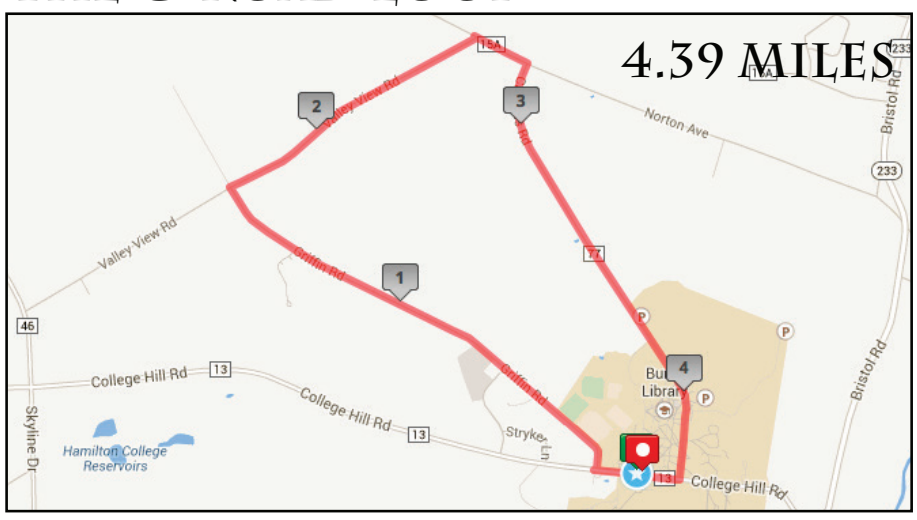
There are myriad of fantastic off-campus study options to consider. Whether you love the idea of spending a year in Paris or think a semester in the Adirondacks is your calling, do not miss out on the opportunity to gain a new perspective of yourself and the world by studying abroad for a semester or more. As many upperclassmen will tell you, your four years here fly by, and the sooner you begin to think about how you want to spend them, the better. Stop by the Office of Off-Campus Study, located in room 105 of the Christian A. Johnson Building, for more information.

OUTRUN THE WHITE WALKERS

by Ben Fields '15
Hand of the Queen

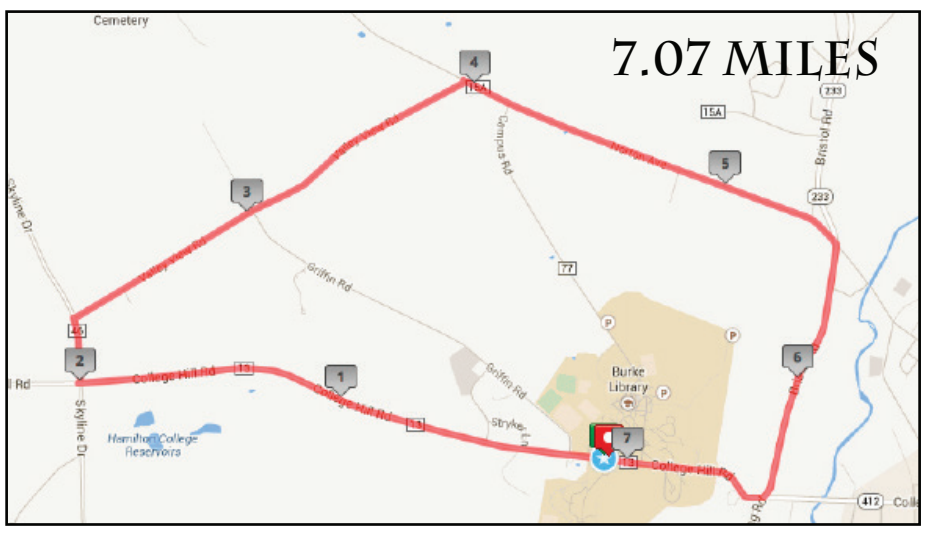
If you are reading this article, it probably means you, like hundreds of first-years before you, are trying to keep off the dreaded Freshman 15. Well ,there are a few ways you can go about doing that. Some people have been known to eat exclusively at Opus, which generally works to prevent the Freshman 15, but instead it becomes 30 or 40 pounds. Other people take PE classes, a great way to get a workout in, but you can always do more. The best way to stay in shape at Hamilton though is to exercise. There are a variety of ways to do this. A quick trip over to the Bristol Pool, home to the always-welcoming Coach T.J. Davis who will be sure to get you moving in the pool. But for those of you who might be less aquatic, there are lots of great places to run—that is until winter comes—usually in a couple of weeks.

THE G-ROAD LOOP



Probably the most popular running route is the G-Road loop. The loop itself is about 4.4 miles. To do this run, start at Griffin Road (hence the name of the loop), just above the Wellin Museum, and run to until you reach Valley View Road. You will go through a large amount of farmland (welcome to Upstate). At Valley View, it's a right turn down to the next intersection, where it is another right followed by a quick right onto Campus Road, which you take all the way back to campus. This route is known for its beautiful corn fields and proximity to campus.

THE SKYLINE ROUTE



If you are like most Continentals, you will get bored of the G-Road loop very quickly. For variation and a challenge, instead of turning at G-Road, keep running up College Hill Rd. until you reach Skyline Drive. Turn right and go to Valley View which gives you a couple of options. You can run down and turn right onto G-Road that gets you about 4 miles. You can also choose to keep going and meet up with the G-Road loop at Campus Road, giving you roughly 6 miles. Finally, you can also go down to Norton Ave and take it all the way to Bristol Rd. and that will dump you at the bottom of the massive College Hill Rd.

THE CHALLENGE FOR CHAMPIONS

If you want a real challenge, head up College Hill Rd., turn left at the top and run either to Reservoir Rd. or farther to Champion Rd. Turn left again at either of these, and you get a beautiful long downhill to Route 12B which you take to Harding Rd. and then back up College Hill Rd. you go. Don't be afraid, after the initial struggle, you get rewarded with a fun trip down the hill, just be ready for that last hill at the end.

A VILLAGE RUN

For those who consider themselves directionally challenged, head down the hill and just keep going until you see the charming village of Clinton. Here you can stop and grab some ice cream or a half-moon cookie and then head back up the hill. It's about 1.5 miles down into Clinton, giving you a solid 3-miler.

If you need any help finding routes or new exciting places to run, find your local cross-country star and harass them until they give you their secret routes, they all have them. But the real message is that you shouldn't be afraid to get out there and hit the hills, they aren't that bad once you get running. And remember, Bristol Pool is always a welcoming, and warm, haven during the long winter.

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"A LANNISTER ALWAYS PAYS HIS DEBTS" AND OTHER ADVICE FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR

Compiled by Sarah Rahman '16

The only thing that counts is how much heart you invest, and how much you ignore your fear of being hurt, caught out, or humiliated.
Also, study abroad.

— Kate Bickmore '15

Finding a niche at college is less of an accident, and more a process of creating your own...Making a home takes hard work. Don't expect to happen instantly, in fact, don't expect anything at all.

— Phoebe Greenwald '16

Office hours aren't only to get help with homework questions, they are also places to build social circles and get a heads up on exams.

— Tsion Tesfaye '16

Explore Rogers Glen. Try not to miss an opportunity to hear live music on campus. Go to office hours. And, if you can, be friends with your roommate(s).

— Bonnie Wertheim '14

Text any of the countless leaders you've had during pre-orientation and orientation with your questions. Seriously, do it. They're students just like you and they signed up to be student leaders because they want to help you with your transition into college. Also, there's a good chance they've dealt with a similar issue to yours during their time at Hammy.

— Katharine Fuzesi '17

To succeed academically at Hamilton, students need to manage their time well and find a happy balance between studying and participating in other activities. It is important not to overload yourself with responsibilities and work. Try not to procrastinate in all of your classes. Take every day in stride and try not to stress. It is important to remember that in the end, all of your work will get done and it will all be okay.

— Lia Parker-Belfer '16

Order the class picture that you take the first day of orientation. You will want it by the time you become a senior."

— Tara Huggins '14

Some of the people you meet this year will be a big part of your life for a very long time. You'll hang out in each other's apartments in New York, be in each other's bridal parties, babysit for each other's kids... you may even marry one of them. Make a positive first impression.

— Lizzie (Padin) Storer '03

Though your past is important, these first weeks of living on your own set the trajectory for the rest of your life. You will gain new habits and learn who you are and what you like when the choice really is yours...College is a time to re-examine your presuppositions, seek after your passions and give yourself to deep friendships. Don't waste it!

— Kimberly Olsen '16